problem that should have special attention from the Congress and that the construction should be put underway just as soon as possible. It is a part of the great inland-waterway system; the Mississippi, the Ohio, the Illinois, and the Missouri Rivers have all been approved by the Congress and are now in active operation. A tremendous amount of commerce is now moving from the Gulf up the Mississippi and Ohio into Pittsburgh; and up to Chicago connecting with the Great Lakes.

The CHAIRMAN. What is the situation with reference to the Chain of Rocks at the present time?

Mr. MACLEAY. That is not good. Just at the present time there is plenty of water.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACLEAY. But there are times, as the chairman well knows, when the Chain of Rocks does not have sufficient water to quite clear a 9-foot channel load. Last year we did very well; we had high water during the entire navigation season until winter. This year may be different. We never know about the Chain of Rocks, and will not until the improvement is completed.

Mr. CULKIN. Where is the Chain of Rocks located with reference to the entrance of the Ohio into the Mississippi?

Mr. MACLEAY. It is above St. Louis. The Chain of Rocks is just below the mouth of the Missouri.

Mr. CULKIN. About how far?

Mr. MACLEAY. Just a few miles, about 5 or 6 miles below the mouth of the Missouri.

The mouth of the Ohio is about 200 miles south of St. Louis.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chain of Rocks is between St. Louis and the mouth of the Missouri.

Mr. MACLEAY. Yes. The Chain of Rocks, Judge Culkin, affects commerce moving to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Davenport, and the upper Mississippi; also commerce moving on the Illinois River to Chicago, and commerce moving up the Missouri to Omaha and Sioux City.

Now, there is another project that is showing a great increase since it was opened in 1934——

Mr. CULKIN (interposing). How is the additional water supply from the dam up in Montana going to help?

Mr. MACLEAY. It is not helping at the present time, because they are storing water. They have had a run of dry seasons and they have had some difficulty there.

Mr. CULKIN. How many cubic feet daily does that give the river?

Mr. MACLEAY. It does not give any at the present time. It will later on.

Mr. CULKIN. Do you think it will have a possibility of 10,000 cubic feet per second?

Mr. MACLEAY. After they have secured sufficient storage. They have now a storage of about 500,000 acre-feet, that is the storage after it has been completed at the Fort Peck Dam. That is what you have reference to?

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

Mr. MACLEAY. And above that there is about 2,000,000 acre-feet at that dam.